



**Minutes of the 83rd Annual General Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, held at the head office of the Corporation on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m., in the Social Hall of the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa, Ontario K2A 1R9.**

Linda Kerzner, Chair of the Board, is presiding.

**I. Call to Order**

Linda Kerzner called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.  
She welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the 83rd Annual General Meeting (AGM).

**II. O Canada and Hatikvah**

Linda invited Scott Goldstein and the Shinshinim, Canaf Ahituv and Noga Weiss, to lead the singing of O Canada and Hatikvah.

**III. Recognition**

Linda recognized the presence of distinguished guests, including: His Excellency Nimrod Barkan, Ambassador of Israel to Canada.

Linda acknowledged the presence of past presidents of Federation, presidents and executive directors of community organizations and rabbis who were present and thanked them for their participation.

**IV. D'var Torah**

Rabbi Eytan Kenter, from Kehillat Beth Israel, delivered the D'var Torah.

**V. Greetings from the Embassy of Israel**

His Excellency Nimrod Barkan, Ambassador of Israel to Canada, brought greetings on behalf of the Embassy of Israel.

**VI. Honouring David Shentow z"l**

Linda Kerzner spoke to the life of Holocaust survivor David Shentow z"l, who impacted so many lives by sharing his experiences. She highlighted his involvement with the March of the Living and shared memorial details with the community.

**VII. Approval of the minutes of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, held June 15, 2016.**

Linda called for a motion to approve the minutes from the 82nd Annual General Meeting.

Sabina Wasserlauf **moved, seconded** by Karen Palayew, to approve the Minutes of the 82nd Annual General Meeting held on June 15, 2016. **Carried.**

**VIII. Presentation of Annual Report**

Linda presented the 2017 Annual Report of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, containing the audited financial statements for 2016.

**IX. Approval of Auditors and Acts of Officers & Directors**

Linda called for a motion to appoint Ginsberg Gluzman Fage & Levitz, LLP as auditors for the Jewish Federation of Ottawa for the fiscal period 2017 to 2018.

Josh Zaret **moved, seconded** by Stacy Goldstein to appoint Ginsberg Gluzman Fage and Levitz as auditors for 2017 to 2018. **Carried.**

Linda called for a motion to approve the acts of the officers and directors since the June 15, 2016 Annual General Meeting and all acts, contracts, bylaws, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the Directors and Officers are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Allan Shefrin **moved, seconded** by Robert Greenberg to approve the acts of the officers and directors since the June 15, 2016 Annual General Meeting and all acts, contracts, bylaws, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the Directors and Officers are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed. **Carried.**

**X. President and CEO's Report**

Andrea Freedman presented the report. She also thanked Federation staff, board and volunteers.

**XI. Recognition of Annual Campaign Leadership**

Sharon Appotive and Michael Polowin were thanked and presented with gifts of appreciation for their work on the Annual Campaign.

**XII. Introduction of Campaign Chairs**

Linda introduced Aviva Ben-Choreen as Women's Campaign chair and explained that Sharon Appotive has agreed to return and serve as the General Campaign chair for the 2018 campaign.

**XIII. Student Leadership Award**

Linda called on Steven Kimmel to present the community service awards. Steven announced and introduced the recipient of the student leadership award: Eyal Podolsky.

**XIV. Freiman Family Young Leadership Award and Lawrence Greenberg Young Adult Leadership Award**

Steven announced and introduced this year's Freiman Family Young Leadership Award recipient, Gillian Presner. AJ Freiman was invited to the podium to present Gillian with the Freiman award and also the Lawrence Greenberg Young Leadership Development award.

**XV. Shem Tov Community Volunteer Award**

Steven introduced this year's Shem Tov Community Volunteer Award recipient, Hyman Reichstein, and presented him with the award.

**XVI. Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award**

Steven introduced this year's Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award recipient, Jeffrey Miller. Robert Greenberg was invited to the podium to say a few words and present Jeffrey with the award.

**XVII. Approval of the Nominating Committee Report**

Steven drew the audience's attention to the Nominating Committee report and asked for approval.

Rabbi Eytan Kenter **moved** to approve the Nominating Committee Report, **seconded** by Rabbi Menachem Blum. **Carried.**

**XVIII. Outgoing Chair's Remarks**

Linda Kerzner made her remarks to the community as outgoing chair. She thanked all volunteers and staff for their hard work and support throughout her term.

Steven Kimmel came to the podium and presented Linda with gifts for her service as Federation board chair.

**XIX. Inaugural Address by Incoming Chair**

Hartley Stern addressed the community as the new board chair of the Federation. He explained that raising more funds and sustaining Jewish education would be the primary focus during his term.

**XX. Adjournment**

All guests were invited to celebrate our community, leadership and award winners at a reception outside the social hall.

Hartley called for a motion of adjournment.

Karen Palayew **moved** to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Kevin Barwin. **Carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm